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THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 1999-323-C

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Re: Application of Access Integrated Networks, Inc. )  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity to Provide Resold Local Exchange and )  
Interexchange Telecommunications Services in )  
the State of South Carolina )

**STIPULATION**

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") (see attachment "A" for list of companies) and Access Integrated Networks, Inc. ("AINI") hereby enter into the following stipulations. As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, the necessity for SCTC's intervention in this matter is avoided and SCTC withdraws its opposition to AINI's Application. SCTC and AINI stipulate and agree as follows:

1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to AINI, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.

2. AINI stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize AINI to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.

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3. AINI stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.

4. AINI stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, unless and until AINI provides such rural incumbent LEC and the Commission with written notice of its intent to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended service. During such notice period, the rural incumbent LEC will have the opportunity to petition the Commission to exercise all rights afforded it under Federal and State law. Also, AINI acknowledges that the Commission may suspend the intended date for service in rural LEC territory for ninety (90) days while the Commission conducts any proceeding incident to the Petition or upon the Commission's own Motion, provided that the Commission can further suspend the implementation date upon showing of good cause.

5. AINI stipulates and agrees that if, after AINI gives notice that it intends to serve a customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, the Commission receives a Petition from the rural incumbent LEC to exercise its rights under Federal or State law, or the Commission institutes a proceeding of its own, then AINI will not provide service to any customer located within the service area in question without prior and further Commission approval.

6. AINI acknowledges that any right which it may have or acquire to serve a rural telephone company service area in South Carolina is subject to the conditions contained herein, and to any future policies, procedures, and guidelines relevant to such proposed service

which the Commission may implement, so long as such policies, procedures, and guidelines do not conflict with Federal or State law.

7. The parties stipulate and agree that all rights under Federal and State law are reserved to the rural incumbent LECs, and this Stipulation in no way suspends or adversely affects such rights, including any exemptions, suspensions, or modifications to which they may be entitled.

8. AINI agrees to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate, to the extent it may be required to do so by the Commission, in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. AINI hereby amends its application and its prefiled testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1999.

Access Integrated Networks, Inc.

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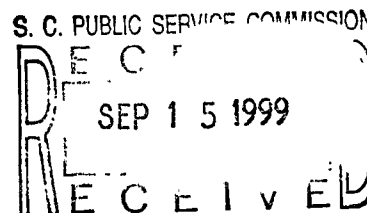
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ATTACHMENT A  
South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies  
for Purposes of Local Service Stipulation

ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc.  
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.  
Chesnee Telephone Company  
Chester Telephone Company  
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Ft. Mill Telephone Company  
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.  
Heath Springs Telephone Company Inc.  
Home Telephone Company, Inc.  
Lancaster Telephone Company  
Lockhart Telephone Company  
McClellanville Telephone Company  
Norway Telephone Company  
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Pond Branch Telephone Company  
Ridgeway Telephone Company  
Rock Hill Telephone Company  
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
St. Stephen Telephone Company  
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Williston Telephone Company

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Danielle Renee Reed do hereby certify that this day I caused to have served the foregoing Stipulation to the below named party of record, by having same delivered as indicated, this 15th day of September, 1999, and addressed as follows:

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